

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

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species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes there are no generic claims. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, referring to page 3 of the Office Action, Applicant elects, without traverse, Species A, for examination on which claims 1-2 and 7-26 are readable. Further, since it is Applicant's understanding that an election of one of species C-H should be made in addition to an election of one of species A and B, Applicant elects, without traverse, Species D for examination on which claims 8-12 is readable. Referring to page 4 of the Office Action, Applicant elects, without traverse, the compound represented by formula (I) wherein A¹'s are NR₂, particularly formula (XXI). Also, Applicant elects without traverse Species B2b, on which claim 11 is readable, wherein R⁵ is defined as an alkoxy group and/or fluorine, provided that at least one of R⁵ is fluorine. *See*, for example phosphazenes A, B, C and D in the Examples.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that the phosphazene derivative is a compound having a nitrogen-phosphorus unsaturated bond, preferably a nitrogen-phosphorus double bond (P=N). In contrast, the isomer of the phosphazene derivative is a compound which is an isomer of such a phosphazene derivative but does not have the nitrogen-phosphorus unsaturated bond. Please refer to the formulae (III) and (XIV). One of the isomers of the

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phosphazene derivative is represented by the formula (III), and has an oxygen-phosphorus double bond (O=P) but does not have the nitrogen-phosphorus double bond (P=N).

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 3-6.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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